



**Natural Heritage
& Endangered Species
Program**
Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife

Please submit observation forms and supporting documentation to:

**Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program
Attn: Marshbirds
Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Route 135, Westborough, MA 01581
(508) 792-7270, ext. 200**

Rare Marsh Bird Observation Form

Species name: _____

Date(s) and time(s) of observation(s): _____

Town: _____ Wetland Name: _____

Please attach a photocopy of the appropriate section of a USGS topographic or similar map or aerial photo on which are marked the site(s) where you observed the species.

Give directions to the site using obvious permanent landmarks (such as road intersections) and measuring to the nearest 1/10 mile:

Number and age (adult or imm.) of individuals observed/heard: _____

Describe the specific characteristics upon which your identification was based (plumage, vocalizations, both?). How did you distinguish this species from similar species?

Evidence (if any) of breeding activity (territorial or courtship displays or vocalizations, repeated observations of adults between 1 May and 1 August, nests, eggs, unfledged chicks?)

Description of habitat where the species was observed, including dominant wetland type(s) and vegetation:

Other details of your observations (include a separate page if necessary: _____

Have you observed this species at this site in previous years? If yes, give details: _____

Landowners name and address if known: _____

Observer's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Last names of any other qualified observers: _____

If available, please submit photograph(s) to further document your observations.

Certification

I hereby certify under pains and penalties of perjury that the information contained in the report is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*Thank you for contributing to the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species
Program database. Your efforts are valuable and appreciated.*